matter and if not, the stage at which this stands;

(c) whether ALCATEL has already entered into a collaboration agreement with the B.K. Modi Group and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the impact on the ITI's programme for development of indigenous exchanges; and

(f) whether another multi-national is also in the run, if so, the details thereof and the terms and conditions offered by it for its technology and in setting up a research and development centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is presently under examination by M\s ITI.

(c) M\s Indian Reprographics Systems Pvt. Ltd. promoted by Shri B.K. Modi has filed an Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum for setting up a joint venture with M/s ALGATEL.

(d) Nil

(e) No impact.

(f) A number of multinational Companies have shown interest and have submitted their initial proposals for setting up of manufacturing units for switching equipment.

Damage to Pulse Code Modulation Gadgets

2856. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the context of the state-of-art technology, any research has been or is being made to countenance the cutting of the cable and thereby causing damage to the costly Pulse Code Modulation gadgets used to increase the capacity of the cable upto 15 times and to save the entire network from being jeopardised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Presently no research is being done in this area as the present Pulse Code Modulation Systems in the network have a built in alarm indication which is displayed at the attended terminal stations, in the event of faults, including cable cuttings. PCM system working on a cable is not damaged electrically in the event of cable cutting.

(b) Not applicable in view of the reply at (a) above.

Telecast of Local Programmes from All I.P. Ts in Orissa

2857. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assurance was given by the Government that local programes of Doordarshan, Cuttack will be telecast from all Low Power Transmitters in Orissa State;

(b) if so, whether any approach has been made by the Orissa Government for commissioning the Car Festival; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Central Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) All the high power and low power TV